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SUBJ: NIMEIRI WELCOMES RESUMPTION NORMAL GOS/USG CONTACTS

SUMMARY. WITH MY RETURN, NIMEIRI PLEASED USG NOW PREPARED
RENEW MORE NORMAL CONTACTS. I MADE CLEAR THESE COULD NOT
EXTEND TO REMOVAL EXISTING QUOTE HOLD
UNQUOTE ON AID AND WE REMAINED CONCERNED THAT MURDERERS
NOT BE RELEASED. NIMEIRI CLAIMED GOS SHOULD NOT
BE PENALIZED SINCE MURDERERS HAD BEEN TRIED AND CONVICTED
BUT SEEMED ACCEPT THAT OUR RELATIONS WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN
CIRCUMSCRIBED ON THIS POINT FOR SOME INDETERMINATE PERIOD.
END SUMMARY.

1. I WAS SUMMONED BY PRESIDEN NIMEIRI FOR CORDIAL INTERVIEW
NOV 24 FOLLOWING MY RETURN FROM CONSULTATIONS. HE WELCOMED
ME BACK AND I SAID I WAS DELIGHTED RETURN. THIS ACTION, PLUS
AGREEMENT UUST ACCORDED NEW SUDANESE AMBASSADOR-
DESIGNATE WASHINGTON REFLECTED DESIRE MY GOVERNMENT RESUME

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NORMAL CONTACTS. HOWEVER, THIS DECISION SHOULD NOT BE INTER-

PRETED AS ANY LESSENING OF INTEREST IN CONTINUED DETENTION
KHARTOUM MURDERERS NOR LIFTING OF CURRENT QUOTE HOLD UNQUOTE
ON ANY USG ASSISTANCE.

2. NIMEIRI COMMENTED RUEFULLY THAT GOS HAD DONE MORE ON
TERRORIST CASE THAN MORE SOPHISTICATED AND MORE PROSPEROUS
GOVERNMENTS. IT NEVERTHELESS APPEARED SUDAN BEING QUOTE
PUNISHED UNQUOTE. HE HAD DENIED PUBLICLY THAT USG HAD PUT
ANY PRESSURE ON GOS BY SUSPENDING AID IN WAKE RELEASE OF
KHARTOUM EIGHT TO CAIRO BUT IN FACT PRESSURE EXISTED. PRESIDENT
THEN REFERRED SOMEWHAT UNCERTAINLY TO WHAT HE CLAIMED WERE
INSTRUCTION FROM SECRETARY TO QUOTE INTERNATIONAL BANKS UNQUOTE
TO SLOW DOWN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN. MINSTATE FONAFFS AHMAD, WHO
WAS PRESENT, CLARIFIED BY STATING NIMEIRI REFERRED TO IBRD.
I RESPONDED EMPHATICALLY USG NOT IN POSITION ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS
TO INTERNATIONAL AGENCY NOR HAD WE DONE SO IN THIS CASE. NIMEIRI
REPLIED SOMEWHAT LAMELY THAT ANYWAY IBRD OPERATIONS SEEMED TO
HAVE SLOWED. HE THEN REFERRED OTHER BANK WHICH AHMAD SAID
WAS EXPORT IMPORT BANK. I REPLIED THIS WAS AGENCY USG AND WE HAD
IN FACT SUSPENDED EXIM OPERATIONS VIS-A-VIS SUDAN AS PART
GENERAL QUOTE HOLD UNQUOTE ON AID WHICH WE HAD BEEN
COMPELLED INITIATE AS RESULT GOS ACTION. THIS WOULD CONTINUE
BE CONSTRAINT ON OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIPS. HOWEVER WE HAD RECENTLY
BEEN OF MODEST HELP ON FLOOD RELIEF IN SOUTH AND REMAINED
GRATEFUL FOR GOS AID IN RELEASE TENNECO HOSTAGES.

3. EXPRESSING PLEASURE AT LATTER, NIMEIRI NOTED THAT
ARAFAT HAD TOLD HIM IN RABAT THAT KHARTOUM EIGHT WOULD
REMAIN IN PLO CUSTODY. HE BELIEVED EGYPTIANS HAD SOME
UNDERSTANDING WITH PLO ON THIS SCORE AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT
BE RELEASED. I SAID
I HAD BEEN HAPPY TO NOTE EGYPTIAN REFUSAL RELEASE EIGHT IN CURRENT
TUNIS HIJACKING CASE. NIMEIRI COMMENTED HE COULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD
BETTER
OUR DECISION ON AID HAD CONGRES PASSED SOME LAW
COMPELLING USG TAKE THIS ACTION. I ACCORDINGLY
TOLD NIMEIRI FRANKLY THAT RESOLUTION OF THIS GENERAL TYPE HAD INDEED
BEEN IN WORKS LAST SUMMER AND THAT I FELT IT WOULD INDUBITABLY
HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD HAD THE CONGRESS NOT BEEN GENERALLY
SATISFIED WITH FIRM STAND TAKEN BY DEPARTMENT. NIMEIRI CONCLUDED
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THAT HE RECIPROCATED OUR DESIRE RESUME NORMAL CONTACTS BUT RE-
ITERATED RATHER WISTFULLY HE HOPED THESE COULD BECOME INCREASINGLY
TANGIBLE BEFORE TOO LONG IN VIEW HIS COUNTRY'S POVERTY AND LACK
OF DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN MURDERS.

4. COMMENT. NIMEIRI BROKE STANDARD GOS PROTOCOL TO RECEIVE
ME DESPITE PRESS OTHER BUSINESS AND EVEN DELAYED CREDENTIAL
CEREMONY FOR NEW UGANDAN AMBASSADOR. HE CLEARLY PLEASED THAT

GOS/USG RELATIONSHIPS AGAIN ON MORE NORMAL FOOTING. WHILE HE
OBVIOUSLY FEELS BADLY IN NEED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM
ALL SIDES VIEW MOUNTING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HERE, HE DID SEEM
ACCEPT FACT THAT USG COULD FOR PRESENT NOT BE EXPECTED BE FORTH-
COMING. NIMIEIR'S DISAPPOINTMENT AT USG FAILURE RESUME FULL
RANGE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE THUS UNLIKELY FOR TIME BEING ADVERSELY
AFFECT FUTURE GOS/USG RELATIONS. I FOUND HIM PERSONALLY CORDIAL
BUT TIRED AND SOMEWHAT VAGUE IN SOME OF HIS COMMENTS,
SUGGESTING PRESSURES ON HIM ARE TAKING THEIR TOLL.
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